

2021

PARISH PROFILE



CEDAR CENTRE
BIRKDALE & BEACHHAVEN ANGLICAN CHURCH

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*E tō mātou Matua,
kia meatia tāu e pai ai
ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.*

*Guide us by your spirit in this
time of discernment.
So that we may best serve your
purpose*

Āmine

Historic Chelsea
Chapel

The suburbs of Birkdale and Beach Haven are situated on the North Eastern reaches of the inner Waitematā Harbour. Once occupied by tangata whenua of Kawerau and later Ngāti Whātua the current community is made up of a diverse range of cultures and has at roughly 13.5% the largest Māori population on Auckland's North Shore. The Anglican Church has been a beacon of the Christian faith in the area since the small St Peter's Chapel, built at Chelsea in 1885 was moved to Birkdale Rd in 1907. The chapel is now a heritage building and a taonga and is part of The Cedar Centre at 56a Tramway Rd, where it was moved to in 2000.

In the 1980s and 90s the parish grew dramatically and under the leadership of then Vicar Lorraine Lloyd a leap of faith was taken and with much hard work, faith and a interim worship location at Beach Haven Primary School, our current much larger worship centre was built. The vision was, and still is, 'Building A Community to Serve A Community'. The Cedar Centre has achieved this in many respects but there is still much more of God's work to be done.



THE PERSON WE SEEK

We are prayerfully seeking a full time Vicar for The Cedar Centre. This will be a person filled with genuine warmth and spirituality, who shows God's love through action, word, and deed.

We hope for a visionary leader who will have the ability to make and sustain meaningful connections with people. They will show an enthusiastic and active interest in all areas of ministry and parish life. They will have a passion to engage with and work alongside people at a parish, community, and diocesan level.

Our Vicar will have a sound knowledge of the Bible and Anglican liturgy. They will journey with us in integrating more Te Reo Māori and tikanga into parish life. They will be able to successfully incorporate all these elements into worship services which are authentic and relevant to our congregation.

Our Vicar will have strong organisational, communication, and delegation skills, with the ability to support, encourage, upskill and mentor parishioners.

WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE *Value*



We are a gospel led church that values being within the Diocese of Auckland. We are associated with the Affirm Network. As a place and expression of the Holy Spirit we value an atmosphere of warmth, peacefulness and love that permeates the worship space from the tranquil setting and thoughtful prayer, through to the varied music and service styles.

The Cedar Centre is a diverse and inclusive community that welcomes and embraces everyone. We value authentic, respectful, and caring relationships where everyone is known by name and feels that they belong. We nurture growth through trusted relationships and honest communication.

With over 100 years of service within the Birkdale and Beach Haven areas, we value connecting with the wider community through our many different programmes and services both on- and offsite. Our facilities are a blessing, and we feel that it is important to share them with our wider community.

As a parish community we are committed to supporting and working alongside the appointed Vicar.



OUR *Future*

When the Cedar Centre was built in 2000, the church had a very strong mission and vision of 'building a community to serve a community'. While this mission is still very much on the hearts of our parishioners, some aspects of this vision have waned. There has been a decline in our parish roll, and a decrease in giving with the resultant financial challenges. Whilst there has been a sense of disheartenment amongst some, there is a commitment within our church family to 'reset' and move forward with faith, new life and energy.

Our priority for the future is to revitalize and continue to build a strong worshipping community, with a focus on prayer, spiritual growth for all ages, pastoral care, support, and communication which will lead to a passion for God that overflows into the local community and beyond. We have some well-established and exciting initiatives that we are offering to our community such as the Space program, Mainly Music, Selwyn Seniors and Kai Tahi which are all yet to reach their full potential. There is more work to be done and more opportunities we would love to see birthed, such as an on-site café, counselling, family and youth services, and more. We are optimistic about the future and believe that with faith, prayer, hard work, and strong leadership, God will continue to lead us on our journey.



BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES



From top right clockwise: The Cedar Centre entrance showing the main worship building and the historic Chelsea Chapel, park-like grounds with Chelsea Chapel, the Chelsea Rooms, the community garden, the vicarage.

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

St Peters Historic Chapel (1885)

The chapel seats approximately 40 people and includes a small covered porch, chancel, electric organ, basic sound system, heating and stone font.

Vicarage (2004)

The vicarage is a modern, detached brick and tile house. It has 3 bedrooms, a study, two living areas, an ensuite, family bathroom and another toilet off the study. There is a double garage and fenced lawn area.

Chelsea Rooms (Built 1975, relocated to site 2005)

This complex has two large classroom style interconnecting rooms and a fenced and covered outside play area including a sandpit. It has its own kitchen, toilet facilities, a TV and small speaker system and heat pumps.

Cedar Community Worship Centre (2010)

This is a versatile space with the room, furniture and storage to be configured in many different ways.

This complex consists of the main auditorium which seats approximately 250 people. It has a raised sanctuary area, backdropped by a large window which looks out onto the bush area. It is equipped with an advanced sound, video and projector system. A large foyer seats approximately 80 people. The complex has a commercial-grade kitchen, toilet facilities, parents' room, youth space, several store rooms, the parish offices and meeting rooms.

Other Facilities

We have a carpark with parking for 62 vehicles including 3 mobility parking spaces. Vehicles are able to drive right up to the main entrance which provides good disability access and is suitable for funeral purposes.

The community garden is located behind the vicarage, and there is a large lawn area between the Worship Centre and Chelsea Rooms. The total land area is 2.7 acres.

OUR SUNDAY SERVICES



This is held in the St. Peter's Chelsea Chapel located on the Cedar Centre site. It is a Eucharist service which follows the New Zealand Prayer book liturgy, except for the first Sunday of the month which uses the Book of Common Prayer. The service includes traditional hymns sung with electric organ accompaniment and prayer ministry. The service is followed by breakfast in the main foyer or at a local café. In 2021, the average attendance at this service is 14.

8AM
TRADITIONAL

This service is held in the main auditorium at the Cedar Centre. It is a Eucharist service which follows the New Zealand Prayer book liturgy. It is a contemporary, relaxed style of service which includes live music, usually guitar and/or keyboard, and prayer ministry. The service is followed by morning tea in the foyer.

Every 10am Sunday service is live streamed via YouTube and available to watch after the service. This is managed by our 10am tech team.

In 2021, the average attendance at this service is 38

10AM
CONTEMPORARY



"Building a community to serve a community"

OTHER SERVICES

Baptisms, Weddings, Tangi and Funerals

The Cedar Centre welcomes these special pastoral services.

Good Friday Easter Pilgrimage Walk

The churches of Birkdale and Beach Haven combine on Good Friday for a walk of witness behind the cross. Along the way we stop at various churches and meeting places to hear part of the story of Good Friday read aloud, and to pray as we journey with Christ to the cross. This event is organised by the Vicar of the Cedar Centre in partnership with the leaders from the other churches.

Christmas Services

Special services such as a children's service, midnight/Christmas Eve services are offered around this season.



CURRENT MINISTRIES, ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Life Skills Course

The CAP Life Skills Course is a Cedar Community Trust initiative in cooperation with Christians Against Poverty. The seven weeks course led by a CAP facilitator teaches practical techniques to use money wisely and tips to deal with life's pressures.

Cedar Kids

For children aged 5-10 held during the 10am Sunday service. The children join the beginning of the service and then relocate to the Chelsea Rooms for their own program, re-joining the congregation for communion. Cedar Kids is run by volunteers. In 2021, the average attendance at Cedar Kids is 3.

Community Garden

The community garden is located behind the vicarage on the Cedar Centre site. It is available to any members of the community who wish to grow food to share with others. Seasonal garden working bees aim to bring the gardeners together for a time of shared work and fellowship.

Facility Hire

We welcome community groups, social gatherings, other churches and workplaces to utilise our facilities.

Food bank

The food bank is located at the Cedar Centre office. It provides food and other items of necessity for those in our community who are struggling to make ends meet.



CURRENT MINISTRIES, ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Haven Garden Ramble

A popular annual event which offers a group tour of several spectacular gardens in the local area. It includes refreshments and some years a visit to a local art and/or craft exhibition as well. This event is run by volunteers from the Cedar Centre and is a small fundraiser for the parish. The decision was made to not run this even in 2021, but we are looking ahead to 2022.

Kai Tahi

This is a new venture launched in 2021 in partnership with the Birkenhead Rotary Club. This is a free meal offered to anyone who may want it. It is held once a month at the Cedar Centre and run by volunteers from the Cedar Centre and the Rotary Club with sponsorship from local businesses.

Mainly Music

Mainly Music is a 30-minute session of music, movement, and a story for children 0 - 4 years old. This is followed by morning tea, with time for making new friends and contacts in the local community. Mainly Music is held every Tuesday during school term in the Chelsea Rooms at the Cedar Centre.

Market Day

This is a new initiative launched in 2021 designed as a small fundraiser for The Cedar Centre. Parishioners and members of the community are invited to have a stall. The first market day was held in May and was deemed a success.

Opportunity Shop

New Beginnings Op Shop is located at 16 Sunnyhaven Avenue in Beach Haven. It stocks all sorts of homewares, books and clothing. The op shop is run by volunteers.

CURRENT MINISTRIES, ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Pastoral Care Team

We have a small group of parishioners who will visit and/or pray for anyone who requests it.

Quiz Night

Quiz nights are held at the Cedar Centre 1-2 times a year in partnership with the Birkenhead Rotary Club. They are designed as a social event and small fundraiser for the 2 groups.

Selwyn Seniors

Selwyn Cedars are a group of older people who meet each Thursday morning at the Cedar Centre. Anyone from our community over the age of 65 is welcome to attend. They enjoy a time of fun, games, food, friendship, conversation, exercise and laughter.

Study Groups

A study group meets every Wednesday at 10.30am in the main Foyer. It is designed for people to grow deeper in their faith by delving into the word of God, pray with one another and enjoy meeting and getting to know new people. Special Lenten studies are also held at the discretion of the Vicar.

The Haven

"The Haven" is a programme for intermediate and high school youth. Saturday nights are social evenings, aimed to provide a safe, fun, and inclusive environment. These nights attract young people from within our church and community with an average attendance of 15 in 2021. During the worship service on Sunday mornings, youth meet in the Chelsea Chapel to study God's word together. The average attendance in 2021 is 5. Both programmes run during the school term.





CURRENT MINISTRIES, ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Space (Supporting Parents Alongside Children's Education)

This program is offered in partnership with Space NZ. It is aimed mainly at first time parents and their babies (0-5 months) and has been designed to support parents through the first year of their child's developmental journey. It is run from the Chelsea Rooms at the Cedar Centre by external contracted facilitators. The church provides administrative and organisational support for this program. Children who attend Space at the Cedar Centre are termed 'Cedar Saplings'.

Space Playgroup

The main aim of Playgroup@Cedar Saplings is to provide a learning environment that is varied and responsive to the interests and learning needs of individual children. Operated under the Certificate from the Ministry of Education, the programme at Playgroup@Cedar Saplings is parent led, encourages and supports parents on the journey of learning about the educational needs of their children in a gentle manner and friendly environment.

Playgroups meet in the Chelsea rooms from 9.00am to 12 midday on either Monday or Thursday mornings during term time.

Working Bees

Parishioners are encouraged to come together 2-3 times a year to carry out light maintenance around the church facilities and grounds.

OUR PEOPLE

Paid Staff

Vicar – Full time
Youth Worker - 10hrs per week
Selwyn Coordinator - 6hrs per week (Paid by Selwyn Foundation)
5 SPACE Facilitators – totalling 26hrs per week

Volunteers

We have countless volunteers at the Cedar Centre who work across numerous areas of parish life and ministry. The Parish is currently working on a comprehensive plan to divide administrative tasks among volunteers. We recognise the passion and commitment that our volunteers have for their work and the fact that the Cedar Centre could not run without them.



Cedar Community Trust

Increasing challenges for ministries serving the charitable needs of the Birkdale/Beach Haven community has led to the recent formation of the 'Cedar Community Trust'. The trust will take a more focused responsibility for this area of parish life and community involvement. With seven trustees, appointed by vestry on behalf of the parish, one of whom is the vicar ex officio and one a vestry member, the trust reports to and is accountable to the vestry. Currently there are six areas of community focused ministries which the trust will work alongside to support and maintain financial viability. It is intended these will increase under the trust governance. The trustees meet monthly and seek to work closely alongside the individual ministries.

OUR TRUST



THE *Community* OF BEACH HAVEN & BIRKDALE

As the real estate agents tell us the 'North Shore is a great place to live'. Birkdale/Beach Haven is a special part of North Shore. We have a mix of expensive coastal properties, modest family residences and many state houses.

As one of Auckland's low decile areas, Birkdale / Beach Haven has a rich cultural diversity in its population. Intensive expansion of housing is currently taking place and Kainga Ora alone is building an estimated 174 new homes and apartments which will replace 'state houses' built in the 1950s. The 2018 census statistics showed that around 23% of the population is made up of children under 15 years old. This gives a picture of a population with many young families. The Beach Haven Scout group is proudly the largest in NZ. We have 5 primary schools, 1 intermediate and 1 high school, with another only a couple of kilometres away in Glenfield. Older folk who can afford to, have a choice of 2 retirement villages and there are 2 geriatric hospitals and 4 rest homes. There are 2 pensioner villages managed by Haumarū Housing, an arm of the Selwyn Foundation. The small Beach Haven Village shopping centre provides basic needs to families with friendly cafes, superettes, doctors and pharmacy, op shops and the award winning Opaketāi Park, a small space surrounded by a well-tended garden where residents can meet or just relax.

Uruamo Maranga Ake Trust has plans ready and it is expected a marae will be built in Shepherds Park in the near future. Tangi have been held at The Cedar Centre and the local Fijian Church has its services there.

It is an exciting time to be a community focussed parish. At the moment our church family does not mirror the statistics we have outlined BUT we have warmth and love and faith and there is much potential for the Cedar Centre to reclaim its place as the centre of Christian worship in the area.

PARISH FINANCES

Anglican Diocese of Auckland

Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expenses

For the year ended 31 December 2020

Parish of Birkdale-Beachhaven

	2020	2019
Revenue		
Donations & Fundraising	144,997	135,121
Grants & Bequests	29,925	52,766
COVID-19 Wage Subsidy	21,438	0
Rental & Hall Hire	4,752	8,462
Interest & Dividends	32	50
Other Income	43,172	61,661
Total Revenue	244,316	258,060
Expenses		
Stipends & Ministry Costs	(55,875)	(58,526)
Staff Costs	(95,153)	(89,203)
Property Costs	(35,347)	(43,210)
Interest Costs	(5,730)	(7,537)
Operating Costs	(20,702)	(22,259)
Diocesan Quota & Levies	(10,964)	(8,537)
Mission & Giving	(4,417)	(3,654)
Total Expenses	(228,188)	(232,926)
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	16,128	25,134
Depreciation	(67,690)	(67,815)
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(51,563)	(42,681)
Total Comprehensive Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(51,563)	(42,681)
Attribute to General Fund:	(51,563)	(42,681)
Attribute to Special Funds:	0	0

Parish of Birkdale Beachhaven
Balance Sheet as at 31 Dec 2020

	2020	2019
Assets		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
BNZ 00 - Main Cheque Account	6,071.01	7,914.62
BNZ 01 - Wages Account	5,318.96	4,160.77
BNZ 02 - Special Funds	170.09	7.08
BNZ 03 - Vicars	564.52	651.57
BNZ 06 - Space Account	500.00	8,691.37
BNZ 07 - On Line Call Account	22,376.85	19,143.79
BNZ 97 - Cedar Challenger Account	1,083.48	1,054.41
GST	140.88	678.23
Op Shop Kiwibank Account	0.25	0.25
Prepayments	1,085.55	1,094.41
Sundry Assets/Sundry Debtors	226.26	0.00
Total Current Assets	37,537.85	43,396.50
Non-Current Assets		
Furnitures, Plant & Equipment	88,440.10	80,410.98
Property- Land	2,125,000.00	2,125,000.00
Property- Building	2,600,000.00	2,600,000.00
Accumulated Depreciation- Plant & Equipment	(76,392.94)	(69,964.90)
Accumulated Depreciation- Property	(306,312.43)	(245,050.03)
Total Non-Current Assets	4,430,734.73	4,490,396.05
Total Assets	4,468,272.58	4,533,792.55
Liabilities & Equity		
Current Liabilities		
Accruals	(5,896.38)	(4,086.73)
Annual Leave Accrual	(9,374.20)	(7,783.31)
Creditors	(217.92)	(3,581.60)
PAYE payable	(3,470.49)	(3,185.91)
Trade Creditors & Other Payable(Internal)	(23,848.81)	(23,848.81)
Total Current Liabilities	(42,807.80)	(42,486.36)
Non-Current Liabilities		
Mortgages	(93,640.66)	(107,919.28)
Non-current loan and other payables (internal)	(29,751.00)	(29,751.00)
Total Non-Current Liabilities	(123,391.66)	(137,670.28)
Equity		
Capital Reserves	(4,353,635.91)	(4,396,316.88)
Retained Earnings	51,562.79	42,680.97
Church Operation	45,514.11	79,198.68
Op Shop	(19,913.36)	(34,212.37)
Play Group	(9,384.37)	(8,572.07)
Selwyn Centre	(343.93)	(690.51)
Space	35,690.34	6,957.24
Total Equity	(4,302,073.12)	(4,353,635.91)
Total Liabilities & Equity	(4,468,272.58)	(4,533,792.55)

*The "Mortgages" amount referred to in the above accounts has since been repaid in full in 2021



We invite candidates to apply for the position by sending:

- A cover letter
- A current CV
- 3 referees (preferably one whom you currently work with)
- A link to 3 sermons
- Email and phone contacts

to Becky Iona - becky@cedarcentre.org.nz
(Link person for Birkdale Beach Haven Nominators)

Applications close 29th October 2021.

*Please note that any shortlisted applicants will need to be available on Saturday 6th November for an interview.

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